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TITLE NIKOLAI HAZARENKO			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject resides and is employed in Keansburg, New Jersey. Informant advised General MAUMENKO requested no further inquiry regarding HAZARENKO by World Cossack Association regarding his parents and education. Letter from Cossack general presently residing in Germany indicates HAZARENKO served with Cossacks during World War II, and participated in raid on Communist base during 1942.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">This is an FBI investigative - P - report and makes no recommendation for clearance or disapproval.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Confidential Informant Newark T-1, of known reliability, advised that subject continues to be employed by THEODORE KOVALENKO, Keansburg, New Jersey and resides at Van Brunt Place in that city.</p> <p>Newark T-1 stated that he recently contacted a member of members of the World Cossack Association, Farmingdale, New Jersey, but that he was able to obtain no additional information pertaining to HAZARENKO'S background and parentage. Newark T-1 stated further that he had considered contacting member of the above association in various parts of the world for information regarding HAZARENKO, but that General MAUMENKO, leader of the group, had persuaded him to withhold such action inasmuch as MAUMENKO would be embarrassed by inquiries concerning the background and sympathies of the subject, who is his son-in-law.</p>			
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Confidential Informant Newark T-1 also advised that he questioned NAZARENKO'S statement that NAZARENKO had attended a military school in Romania since NAZARENKO was not a Romanian citizen and did not possess the "polish" for gentility normally exhibited by military men trained in European academies. Newark T-1 stated further that NAZARENKO'S original declaration to the Informant that his, NAZARENKO'S, father was a White Russian or Cossack colonel who was killed by the Bolsheviks was later changed and NAZARENKO recently stated that his father was in the Cossack and died while subject was an infant.

During the early part of 1950, MICHAEL GETMANOW, Meeting House Road, RD 1, Ambler, Pennsylvania, made available a letter received by him from General P. DUCHOPELNIKOV, of Munich, Germany, to whom he had written for information concerning NAZARENKO. A translation of the aforementioned letter by TATIANA NIKONISHIN, Seattle, Washington, is set forth below.

"Dear MIKHAIL DEMYANOVICH,

"I am sending you greetings for the Feast of the Holy Easter and wishing you happiness and prosperity in your new life.

"PIOTR VLADIMIROVICH told me that you are interested in the 'Colonel' NAZARENKO, son-in-law of General NAUMENKO. I am able to tell you the following concerning him:

"I do not remember exactly, whether it was in August or September of 1942, that a young man arrived on a motorcycle with a letter to me from Ataman (a Cossack Chief) STEPANOV, Military Chief of the city of Taganrog. I learned from the letter that his name was NAZARENKO and that he was serving as an ordinary policeman in the Taganrog Police. STEPANOV wrote me that NAZARENKO, although not a Cossack, would like to serve at the Cossack Headquarters in the city of Taganrog. He recommended him as a brave and honest young man. I gave my consent in the answering letter.

"During the retreat in 1943, while in Taganrog, NAZARENKO, on order of the Command, performed a successful reconnaissance with a group of men, crossing over the ice the Sea of Azov from Taganrog to Azov where he destroyed a Communist base and brought in important information.

"He was promoted by me to the rank of khorunzhi (commissioned officer of the lowest rank in the Cossack cavalry) for this operation.

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While forming a Cossack regiment, because of a lack of officer personnel, I appointed him a commanding officer of a hundred and promoted him to the rank of a sotnik (captain of a hundred Cossacks).

"In this rank he arrived together with me to Mlava for the formation of a Cossack division. Lacking any military education, he passed with difficulty a course of two-months' military training and being unable to handle the duties of a commander of a hundred in the Balkans, he was transferred elsewhere. I do not know anything further about him. I don't know either, what general education he has. . . .

"Good bye for the present. Lord preserve you. Write. Greetings to all friends.

"Yours, P. DUCHOPEL(NIKOV)."

TATIANA NIKONISHIN, mentioned above, stated that she believes that the time referred to in the above letter (1942-1943), the city of Taganrog was occupied by German forces and thus appeared that NAZARENKO was employed by the Germans rather than by the Soviets. NIKONISHIN also advised that the police in the Soviet Union are referred to as "militia."

It is noted that the 1950 edition of the Rand McNally World Atlas reflects the following information concerning the cities mentioned in the above letter.

Taganrog:	Located at the northern end of the Sea of Azov and situated in the southwestern section of the Ukrainian portion of the Soviet Union.
Azov:	Located directly east of the city of Taganrog on the eastern shore of the sea of Azov.
Mlava:	Poland - no reference.
Mlava:	Poland - Located 75 miles north of Warsaw in central Poland.

In reference to previously reported information reflecting that NAZARENKO was reportedly an active member of the Communist Party and was wearing a NKVD uniform at Mariubol, Russia in 1941, it is pointed out that

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the above mentioned World Atlas contained no reference to the city of Mariubol. It was noted, however, that a Mariupol, Russia is located approximately 100 miles east of Taganrog on the Sea of Azov.

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